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TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Roy G. Crawford, School Head

RE: Matt Barton Reference

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It is with confidence and enthusiasm that I write this letter in behalf of Matt Barton as he applies for an English teaching position in an international school. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Barton for six years in the Manitou Springs, Colorado schools where I served as school superintendent and Matt was a high school English teacher and coach. I had many opportunities to observe Matt in his classroom with students, on the soccer field, and in professional development with his colleagues. I can speak very confidently about his skills and competencies.

First and foremost, Matt forges very close and effective relationships with his students. He honors the unique qualities of each student, and they in turn are inspired to produce their best work for him. His lessons are well organized and focused on students. Matt has the confidence and professional integrity to empower students to push their personal and intellectual boundaries.

In addition, Matt is very knowledgeable about his subject area, particularly literature, writing instruction, public speaking, and Advanced Placement methodology. In Manitou Springs, our best and brightest students took his classes and were always eager to express how much they learned and grew in his classes.

Lastly, Mr. Barton engaged effectively and appropriately in professional development and collegial situations. He was a quality team player, and was reflective about his own practice and his curriculum. He extensively used technology in the classroom, and was always had a "whatever it takes" attitude to get things done.

I give Mr. Matt Barton my highest recommendation and welcome any opportunity to speak further in his behalf.

Sincerely,



Roy G. Crawford

